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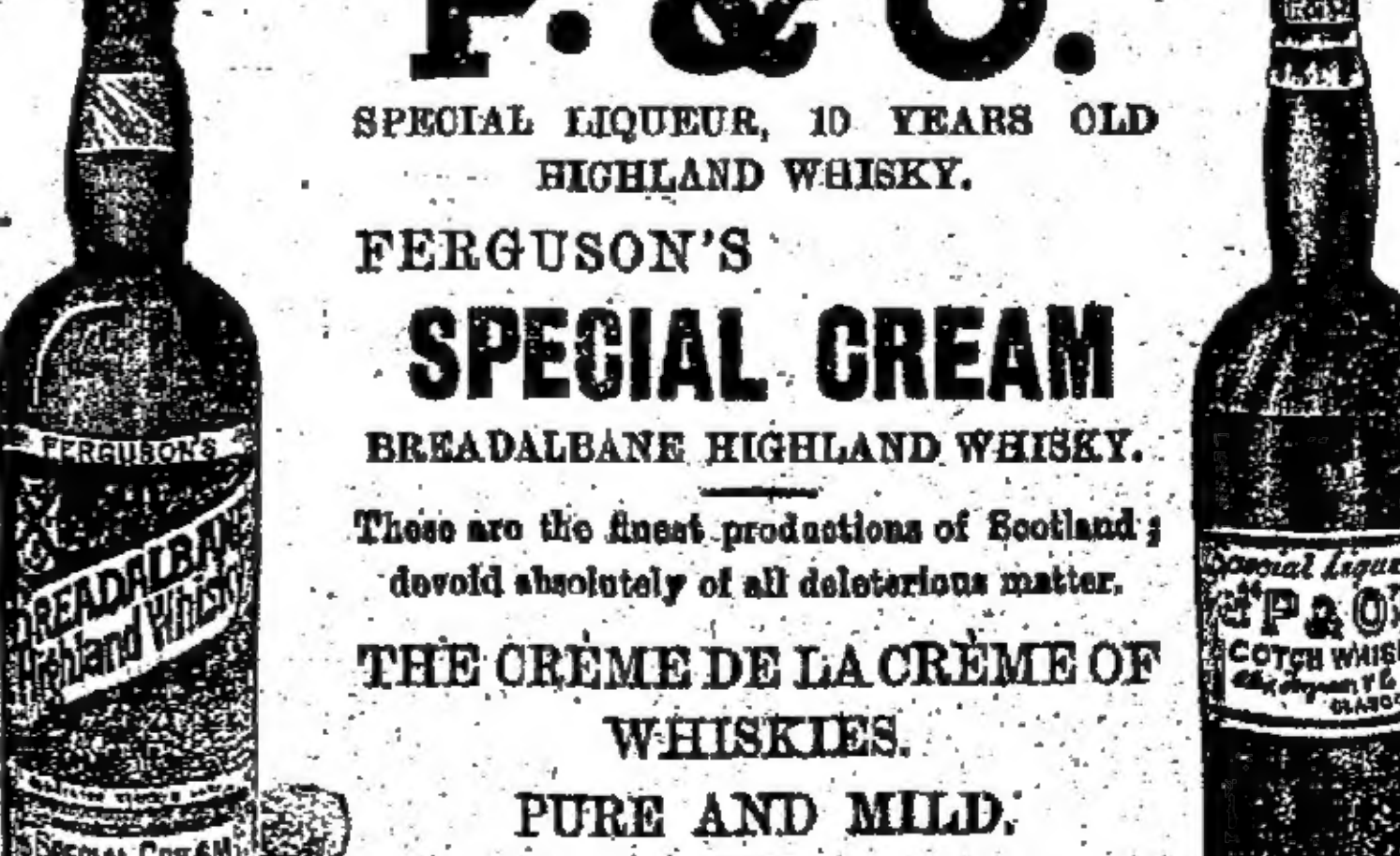
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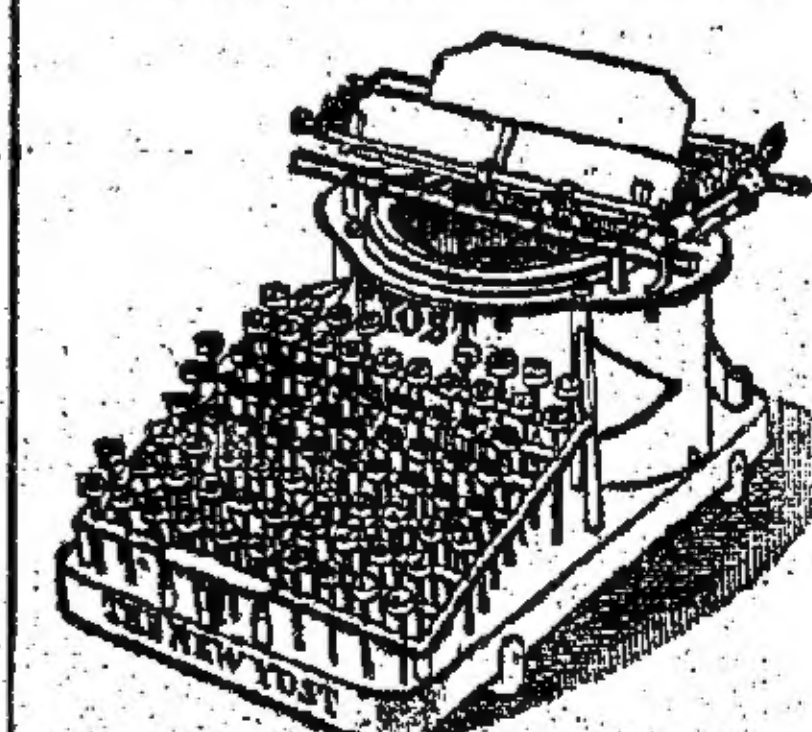
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Hongkong, May 24, 1897. 987

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
May 22.
Canton, Peking, Shanghai, 1,194 G. T.

Chongking, Shanghai May 19, General.—
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May 23.
Wansong, British ship, from Canton.
Camogolot, German str., 551, T. Fritz
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H.M.S. *Phaetia*, British ship, 1,750,
R. P. Coehran, Manila 20.

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Sailon May 19, Rice and Ricefloss.—
MEYER & Co.

Kintuck, British steamer, 2,381, C. de la
Etrelle, Kutchinzu May 18, and amoy
22, Coal.—HOLIDAY, WISS & Co.

Ellen Rickens, German steamer, 3,149,
O. Strunck, Moji May 18, Coal.—ARMWOOD,
KARSEN & Co.

Hohenlorenz, German steamer, 2,630, B.
Blecker, Yokohama May 14, Kuba 17, and
Nagasaki 19, General.—MEYER & Co.

Fritz Heinrich, German steamer, 3,503,
O. Carpena, Shimon May 20, Mail and
General.—MEYER & Co.

Norikawa, British steamer, 1,106 W.

Waddell, Manila May 20, General.
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Education, British air, 1374, B Branch
Sandakan (B. N. Borneo) April 18, Tinbat
and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Mg 24.
Kwongang, British air, from Canton.
Foonchow, British air, 1,223, J. Black
burne, Shanghai May 20, General.—BUT
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Peshawar, British steamer, 2,202, F. W.
Vibort, Bombay May 6, and Singapore 11
General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Pyrrhus, British steamer, 2,790, H. Bal
l, L/v Roper and Singapore May 18, General
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DEPARTURES.
May 22.
Caledonia, for Shanghai.
Zuckue, for Canton.
May 23.
Kaiser Franz Joseph I., Austrian cruise
for Singapore.
Port Stanley, for Port Angeles.
Caden, for Moji and San Francisco.
Rudershire, for Shanghai.
Xiamen, for Canton.
Kwang nan, for Canton.
May 24.
Ohnegu, for Port Darwin, &c.
Trompsburg, for Hiohow.
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Per *Compositis*, from Touron, 23 O
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Per *Tui Lee*, from Saigon, 60 Chinese
Per *Kinkaku*, from Yokohama, &
Cooper, and 790 Chines.
Per *Hohenstein*, from Yokohama,
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JOHN The	servant, M. Ditley, K. Kitamura, Worle, Mrs. Grunwald, Mrs. C. Boedda and C. S. Sabowsky and family, and Chinese.
Or. 1659	Prin <i>Prin</i> Heinrich, from Shanghai, Young, Mr. Oranaz, Mrs. Michaelson, S. Harbeck, Borst, B. Blober, Messrs E and Donald, and 2 Chinese.
ENTAL NY 8	For <i>Yuen</i> ng, from Manila, Mr and V. F. de Garrene, 2 children and sev R. S. Donald, 2 children and sev Josephine Tenber, and 1 European 1 Army, 17 Chinese.
	For <i>Deuse</i> on, from Sandakan, Mr Mrs Klamberg, Mr G. P. K. Korzsky, 70 Chinese.
ITS.	For <i>Panhuar</i> , from Singapore, 157 sons.

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For *Chingta*, for Brisbane, Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Key, Jr. for Sydney, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Peterson, Mr. Arthur D. Peterson, Mr. D. Peterson, Mr. (3), Mr. (2), Mr. McKellar, (2), Mr. McFarlane, D. S. Watson, J. Horne, J. Melrose, J. W. Johnson, A. Barnes and O. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gray.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Chongmye* report Light variable wind with r-10, mist, moderate to light sea.

The German steamer *Tat Lee* report Moderate S.W. and E. S.W. winds, moderate to light sea.

The British steamer *Strathclyde* report Light N.E. to S.W. wind and light sea.

The German steamer *Hohenzollern* reports: Left Yokohama May 14th, 10 a.m., and arrived at Kobe 16th, at 10 p.m. Weather: Light N.W. wind and light sea. Arrived at Kobe 17th, at 10 p.m. Arrived at Nagasaki 18th, at 5.30 p.m. Weather: Heavy S.W. wind and light sea. Left Nagasaki 18th, at 10 p.m. Passed Tama no Setai, at 10 p.m. and arrived at Hong Kong 19th, at 10 p.m. Weather: Heavy S.W. wind and light sea. Wind and sea from Nagasaki to

about.

The British steamer *Peking*, reported Manila May 20th, experienced winds with much rain, and was out to port.

The British steamer *Deception* reported light variable winds and calm throughout passage.

The British steamer *Proctor* reported strong light clear weather light variable winds throughout.

The British steamer *Albatross* reported light variable winds and rain throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:
For EUROPE, &c., INDIA Via TUTO-CORIN.
Per Prinz Heinrich, Registration at 7.30 a.m., Letters at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, the 25th May. (Late Letters 8.10 to 8.30 a.m.)
For AMOY, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.O., & TACOMA, WASH.—
Per Tacoma, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 25th May.
For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUT.—
Per Haiman, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 25th May.

TELEGRAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
9 a.m.—German Mail Steamer leaves for Bremen and Ports of Call.
Noon.—Haiman leaves for Swatow, &c.
Noon.—Tacoma leaves for Tacoma, via Japan, &c.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Thick's* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
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NOW READY.

Vol. XXXI. No. 3. 'CHINA REVIEW' CONTAINS

Recent R. marches upon the Ancient Chinese Sunia.
Ann.—General Geographical Description, &c.
Notes from the Korean Plateau.
Peculiarities of Daily Life among the Hakkas of the Canton Province.
Peng Tuo—A Chinese Legend.
Notes and Quotations.
Notes of the T. Ching Dynasty.
The Mongol Language, I.
Notes on the T. Ching Dynasty.
The Hall of T. Ching.
Heaven has ten days.
Regulations: Board of Revenue.
Bureau of the Ministry of Revenue.
Copper Cash price of Silver.
Abnormal rise of Silver.
Gold is now far above its true value.
Gold is much too changeable.
Variety of Meaning to Characters.
A suggestion concerning the Graphs.
Classification of Chinese Characters.
The Late Mr. Wylie—To the Editor of the *China Review*.
Vocabulary of Chinese Words.
The situation of Kiangsu is invited to the following Letter and Notice concerning the forthcoming Congress of Orientalists.
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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
HONGKONG, April 16, 1897.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 24, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

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